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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24) CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO:

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STATE OF PLAY

1. ON SEPTEMBER 2 NORWEGIAN DEPUTY PERM REP VRAALSEN PROVIDED US WITH THE FOLLOWING CUBAN DRAFT RES ON PUERTO RICO WHICH HAS BEEN CURCULATED AS A WORKING PAPER BUT NOT REPEAT NOT YET TABLED. VRAALSEN REPORTED THAT THE NORWEGIAN MISSION HAS CONFIRMED THE FOLLOWING HAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTE FOR POSTPONEMENT: AFGHANISTAN, CHILE, FIJI, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN AND TUNISIA. (7). WE HAVE CONFIRMATION FROM THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL C-24 MEMBERS: SIERRA LEONE, NORWAY AND AUSTRALIA. (3). WE ARE STILL SEEKING CONFIRMATION OF IVORY COAST INSTRUCTIONS FOR A TOTAL OF 11 VOTES FOR POSTPONEMENT. VRAALSEN CONFIRMED THAT YUGOSLAVIA WILL ABSTAIN, CHINA WILL NOT PARTICIPATE, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO WILL ABSTAIN AND ETHIOPIA WILL PROBABLY BE ABSENT. VRAALSEN HAS CONFIRMED 8 VOTES AGAINST POSTPONEMENT.

2. CONCERNING VRAALSEN'S PROPOSAL FOR A STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN, VRAALSEN REPORTED HIS CONVERSATION ON SEPTEMBER 2 WITH CUBAN PERM REP ALARCON. ALARCON INDICATED SOME INTEREST IN THE PROPOSAL BUT TOOK A TOUGH LINE. ALARCON IS NOT REPEAT NOT COMMITTED TO IT AND PRESENTLY PLANS TO TABLE THE DRAFT RES WHICH FOLLOWS ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3. VRAALSEN TOLD HIM THAT IF HE DID SO, VRAALSEN WOULD IMMEDIATELY MOVE FOR POSTPONEMENT AND IS CONFIDENT THAT HE HAS THE VOTES TO WIN. HE TOLD ALARCON THAT THE DRAFT TEXT IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE.

3. VRAALSEN AND MISOFF PREPARED THE FOLLOWING DRAFT STATEMENT WHICH VRAALSEN INTENDS TO DISCUSS LATER SEPTEMBER 2 WITH ALARCON AND SUHAM. WE HAVE NOW TOLD VRAALSEN WE CAN AGREE TO THE STATEMENT IF THE CUBANS AGREE NOT TO RAISE PUERTO RICO FORMALLY IN THE GA. VRAALSEN SAID HE WOULD TALK TO THE LIKELY SUPPORTERS OF THE CUBAN DRAFT RES TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON ALARCON TO ACCEPT THE SUGGESTED COMPROMISE.

4. VRAALSEN DISCUSSED THE POSSIBLITY OF MOVING FOR ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE (PER RULE 116 OF THE GA RULES OF PROCEDURES) PRIOR TO CUBAN INTRODUCTION OF THE DRAFT RES
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BUT BELIEVES SUCH ACTION WOULD VITIATE HIS EFFORTS TO AVOID A CONFRONTATION. HE BELIEVES THAT IRAN, FIJI OR, PERHAPS, IVORY COAST CAN BE ENCOURAGED TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF HIS MOTION TO ADJOURN DEBATE (RULES OF PROCEDURE PERMITS TWO SPEAKERS IN FAVOR AND TWO AGAINST A MOTION TO ADJOURN.)

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WORKING PAPER

CUBAN DRAFT RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE QUESTION RELATING TO ITS RESOLUTIONS OF AUGUST 28, 1972, AND AUGUST 30, 1973 CONCERNING PUERTO RICO, AS APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ITS RESOLUTIONS 2908 (XXVII) OF 2 NOVEMBER, 1972 AND 3163(XXVIII) OF 14 DECEMBER 1973 RESPECTIVELY,

TAKING NOTE WITH APPRECIATION OF THE REPORT OF THE RAPPORTEUR, SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS RESOLUTION OF 30 AUGUST 1973,

HAVING HEARD THE STATEMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST PARTY, THE PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE PARTY AND THE PUERTO RICAN PEACE COUNCIL,

REAFFIRMING THAT, IN CONFORMITY WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1514 (XV) ON 14 DECEMBER 1960, ALL PEOPLES HAVE THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE AND THAT BY VIRTUE OF THAT RIGHT THEY FREELY DETERMINE THEIR POLITICAL STATUS AND FREELY PURSUE THEIR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT,

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE REVELANT DOCUMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS ON PUERTO RICO APPROVED BY NON-ALIGNED GOVERNMENTS AND COUNTRIES DURING THE MINISTERIAL MEETING HELD AT GEORGETOWN IN 1972, THE FOURTH SUMMIT MEETING AT ALGIERS IN 1973, THE CONFERENCE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON RAW MATERIALS HELD AT DAKAR IN FEBRUARY 1975, AND THE THIRD MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE COORDINATING BUREAU OF THE NON-ALIGNED NATIONS HELD AT HAVANA IN MARCH 1975,

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FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGING THE RELEVANT DOCUMENTS AND DECISIONS ON PUERTO RICO APPROVED IN THE MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE NON-ALIGNED NATIONS HELD IN LIMA IN AUGUST 1975 AND IN THE FIFTH SUMMIT CONFERENCE RECENTLY HELD IN COLOMBO,

CONCIOUS OF THE NEED TO ACCELERATE THE STUDY OF ALL PERTINENT ASPECTS OF THE SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO THE PROCEDURE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION 1514(XV) CONCERNING PUERTO RICO,

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1. REAFFIRMS THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF
PUERTO RICO TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE IN ACCORDANCE
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WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1514(XV) OF 14 DECEMBER 1960

2. REAFFIRMS ITS RESOLUTIONS OF 28 AUGUST 1972 AND 30 AUGUST 1973 CONCERNING PUERTO RICO

3. URGES THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO FULLY ABIDE BY THE PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION 1514(XV) IN ORDER THAT THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE MAY BE ABLE TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE, AND TO REFRAIN FROM TAKING ANY MEASURE WHICH MIGHT OBSTRUCT THE EXERCISE OF, OR ENDANGER THE RIGHT OF THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE,

4. REQUESTS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO REFRAIN FROM CARRYING OUT, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, THROUGH THE TERRITORY'S ADMINISTRATION, ALL POLITICAL OR REPRESSIVE MANOEUVERS THAT TEND TO PERPETUATE PUERTO RICO'S COLONIAL STATUS,

5. DECIDES TO KEEP THE QUESTION UNDER CONTINOUS REVIEW IN ORDER TO CONSIDER EFFECTIVE MEASURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION IN RESPECT TO PUERTO RICO OF RESOLUTION 1514(XV) OF 14 DECEMBER 1960.

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DRAFT STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN:

IF THERE ARE NO FURTHER SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM,
AND IN LIGHT OF THE INFORMAL CONSULATATIONS
WHICH I HAVE HELD WITH MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE,
AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE NEED TO CONCLUDE THE WORK OF
THE COMMITTEE FOR THIS YEAR, SO AS TO ENABLE THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY TO RECEIVE OUR REPORT AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY,
AS WELL AS THE NEED TO GIVE CARFUL ATTENTION TO ALL MATTERS
UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE, BEARING IN MIND
PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS ON THIS MATTER, REAFFIRMING
THE RIGHT OF ALL PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND
INDEPENDENCE AND(THAT) BY VIRTUE OF THAT RIGHT THAT THEY
FREELY DETERMINE THEIR POLITICAL STATUS AND FREELY PURSUE THEIR
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REPORT BY THE RAPPORTUER IN 1974 AND
STATEMENTS WE HAVE HEARD, AND BASED ON BROAD AGREEMENT
AMONG THE MEMBERS I SHOULD LIKE TO PURPOSE THAT THE
RAPPORTEUR BE CHARGED WITH UPDATING THE 1974 REPORT.
AND THAT THE COMMITTEE DEFER ANY FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF
THIS QUESTION UNTIL ITS NEXT SESSION. IF THIS IS ACCEPTABLE
TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, IT SHALL BE SO DECIDED.

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